



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5024**

LCO No. 4080

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

**AN ACT CONCERNING INTERFERENCE WITH EMERGENCY CALLS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) A person is guilty of  
2       interfering with an emergency call when such person verbally or  
3       physically obstructs, prevents or hinders another person from making  
4       or completing a 9-1-1 telephone call or a telephone call or radio  
5       communication to any law enforcement agency to request police  
6       protection or report the commission of a crime.

7       (b) Interfering with an emergency call is a class A misdemeanor.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

**Statement of Purpose:**

To allow police to charge a person with a separate crime of interfering with an emergency call if such person prevents another person from making an emergency call or makes such other person hang up before completing an emergency call.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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